

October 5, 2010

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Carl Swenson, Peoria, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, October 13, 2010 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

The next Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Management Committee may attend the meeting either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. The agenda and summaries are also being transmitted to the members of the Regional Council to foster increased dialogue between members of the Management Committee and Regional Council. You are encouraged to review the supporting information enclosed. Lunch will be provided at a nominal cost.

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Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

c: MAG Regional Council

**MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
October 13, 2010**

COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED

1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3. <u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity is provided to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4. <u>Executive Director's Report</u> The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Management Committee on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5. <u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u> Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Recommend approval of the Consent Agenda.

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

MINUTES

*5A. <u>Approval of September 8, 2010, Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the September 8, 2010, meeting minutes.
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TRANSPORTATION ITEMS***5B. ADOT Red Letter Process**

In June 1996, the MAG Regional Council approved the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Red Letter process, which requires MAG member agencies to notify ADOT of potential development activities in freeway alignments. Development activities include actions on plans, zoning and permits. ADOT has forwarded a list of notifications from January 1, 2010, to June 30, 2010. Of the 47 notices received, five had an impact to the State Highway System. Please refer to the enclosed material.

***5C. Project Changes – Amendment and Administrative Modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program**

The fiscal year (FY) 2011-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) 2010 Update were approved by the MAG Regional Council on July 28, 2010. Since that time, there have been requests from member agencies to modify projects in the programs. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is requesting a modification to the SRL303 project to split the utility relocation projects out to individual ones, a revised scope for the South Mountain Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) project, and a new pavement preservation project. There are four new federal Safe Routes to Schools program funded projects; this process is managed by ADOT with input provided by MAG. Wickenburg is requesting to move its STP-TEA funded project from 2010 to 2011, and two new transit projects need to be added to the TIP since they received federal money through a competitive grant application. In addition, there are four Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funded projects that requested changes. There have been recommendations on the above requested changes by the Transportation Review Committee, Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee, and the Intelligent Transportation

5B. Information and discussion.

5C. Recommend approval of amendments and administrative modifications to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program, and as appropriate, to the Regional Transportation Plan 2010 Update.

Systems Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5D. Change in State Route Numbers

The State Transportation Board is renumbering the following freeways: Interstate 10 Reliever Freeway - previously SR-801 - is now State Route (SR)-30, and Williams Gateway Freeway - previously SR-802 - is now SR-24. Board action for SR-24 occurred in September 2010; action for SR-30 is anticipated in January 2011. All ADOT maps are illustrating the new route numbers.

*5E. Recommendation of Road Safety Improvement Projects for Possible Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program

On August 17, 2010, MAG announced a call for projects to identify a list of candidate road safety improvement projects to be recommended to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) for possible federal Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funds available in FY 2011, 2012 and 2013. A total of nine (9) project applications were received by MAG. These applications have been reviewed and a recommendation has been developed by the Transportation Safety Committee. The final decision on which of the recommended projects will be funded and at what level will be determined by ADOT. Funded projects will be included in the current TIP through a future amendment, and the implementation of projects will be coordinated by ADOT. Safety improvement projects are considered exempt from a potential TIP conformity freeze. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5F. Consultant Selection for the MAG Freight Transportation Framework Study

The FY 2011 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, approved by the MAG Regional Council in May 2010, includes \$500,000 to conduct the Freight Transportation Framework Study that will examine freight and multimodal opportunities in the Sun Corridor. This study will develop a multimodal freight

5D. Information.

5E. Recommend approval of the list of safety improvement projects to the Arizona Department of Transportation for federal funds in the 70 percent Highway Safety Improvement Program category available for fiscal years 2011, 2012 and 2013.

5F. Recommend that Parsons Brinckerhoff be selected to conduct the Freight Transportation Framework Study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

transportation framework for the study area that will likely be implemented at multiple jurisdictional levels and examine opportunities for an inland port. A Request for Proposals was advertised on August 19, 2010, and seven proposals were received. A multi-agency proposal evaluation team reviewed the proposal documents and held interviews. On October 5, 2010, the proposal evaluation team recommended to MAG the selection of Parsons Brinckerhoff to complete the study for an amount not to exceed \$500,000. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5G. Don't Trash Arizona Litter Prevention and Education Contract Amendment

It costs our region more than \$3 million every year to pick up litter from our regional freeway system. Proposition 400 includes funding for a litter prevention and education program designed to increase awareness of the health, safety, environmental and economic consequences of freeway litter and ultimately change the behavior of offenders. The Don't Trash Arizona Litter Education and Prevention program is implemented by MAG in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). In September 2008, the Regional Council approved the selection of RIESTER as the consultant to design and implement the Litter Prevention and Education Program. Staff recommends amending the consultant contract with RIESTER for one additional year for the Litter Prevention and Education Program and to include the \$300,000 budgeted in the FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education efforts. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5G. Recommend approval to amend the consultant contract with RIESTER for one additional year for the Litter Prevention and Education Program to include \$300,000 budgeted in the MAG FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget for litter prevention and education.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

*5H. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment and administrative modification to the FY 2011-2015 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendment and administrative modification

5H. Consultation.

involve several projects, including FY 2011 Arizona Department of Transportation projects on State Route 303, Safe Routes to School funded projects, and City of Phoenix transit projects. The amendment includes projects that may be categorized as exempt from conformity determinations. The administrative modification includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5I. Status of Remaining MAG Approved PM-10 Certified Street Sweeper Projects That Have Not Requested Reimbursement

A status report is being provided to members of the MAG Management Committee on the remaining PM-10 certified street sweeper projects that have received approval, but have not requested reimbursement. To assist MAG in reducing the amount of obligated federal funds carried forward in the MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, MAG is requesting that street sweepers be purchased and reimbursement be requested by the agency within one year plus ten calendar days from the date of the MAG authorization letter. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5I. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS

*5J. MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program

Each year, the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers submit inventory and upgrade requests that are used to develop a five-year equipment program that forecasts future 9-1-1 equipment needs of the region and will enable MAG to provide estimates of future funding needs to the Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA). The funding request for FY 2015 is required to be submitted to the ADOA by December 15, 2010. On July 15, 2010, the MAG 9-1-1 PSAP Managers recommended approval of the MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program. On September 20, 2010, the MAG 9-1-1

5J. Recommend approval of the MAG FY 2012 PSAP Annual Element/Funding Request and FY 2012-2016 Equipment Program for submittal to the Arizona Department of Administration.

Oversight Team recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

*5K. Application Process for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Stuart B. McKinney Funds for Homeless Assistance Programs

On December 8, 1999, the MAG Regional Council approved MAG becoming the responsible entity for a year-round homeless planning process which includes submittal of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Stuart B. McKinney Continuum of Care Consolidated Application for the MAG region. The Continuum of Care grant supports permanent supportive housing, transitional housing, and supportive services. A total of \$196 million has been awarded to the region since 1999. Last year, the region received more than \$23.4 million for 53 homeless programs. It is anticipated that the region will be awarded comparably in 2010. A draft list of new and renewal projects is provided to MAG Management Committee members for information and discussion. The final consolidated application will be presented to the MAG Continuum of Care Regional Committee on Homelessness on November 15, 2010, for approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5K. Information and discussion.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

6. 2010 Annual Report on the Status of the Implementation of Proposition 400

Proposition 400 was approved by the voters of Maricopa County in November 2004, and authorized the extension of a half-cent sales tax for use on transportation projects in the MAG Regional Transportation Plan. A.R.S. 28-6354 requires that MAG issue an annual report on projects included in Proposition 400, addressing factors such as project status, funding, and priorities. The 2010 Annual Report is the sixth report in this series and covers the status of the life cycle programs for freeways/highways, arterial streets, and transit. A Summary of Findings and

6. Information and discussion.

Issues is included in the attached material and the full report is available on the MAG website. This item was presented to the MAG Transportation Review Committee on September 23, 2010, for information and discussion. Please refer to the enclosed material.

AIR QUALITY ITEMS

7. Update on the EPA Proposed Partial Approval and Disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10

On September 3, 2010, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a notice to propose partial approval and disapproval of the MAG 2007 Five Percent Plan for PM-10 based on the timetable in the consent decree with the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest. The notice was published in the Federal Register on September 9, 2010, and comments are due by October 12, 2010. If EPA finalizes the partial disapproval on January 28, 2011, a conformity freeze on the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) would occur in approximately thirty days; only projects in the first four years could proceed. If the problem is not corrected within eighteen months, tighter controls on major industries would be imposed. If the problem is still not corrected within twenty-four months of the disapproval, the loss of federal highway funds (\$1.7 billion) and a federal implementation plan would be imposed. Conformity would also lapse, which would place the \$7.4 billion TIP at risk. On October 1, 2010, a videoconference was conducted with EPA to discuss issues with the EPA Exceptional Events Rule and recommendations from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and MAG. On October 4, 2010, MAG and ADEQ sent a letter to EPA requesting a sixty day extension of the comment period for the proposed action on the Five Percent Plan. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Information and discussion.

GENERAL ITEMS8. Pattern Outdoor Lighting Code

On January 14, 2009, the MAG Management Committee recommended that MAG convene a Dark Sky Stakeholders Group. The purpose of the Group was to work on issues related to outdoor light pollution in order to protect our dark skies and sustain Arizona's competitiveness in the field of astronomy and grow the economic base for astronomy, planetary sciences and space sciences. Currently, astronomy contributes more than 3,300 jobs and nets more than \$250 million a year for the Arizona economy. The MAG Dark Sky Stakeholders Group has developed a Pattern Outdoor Lighting Code based on best practices and guidelines. This document has been reviewed by the MAG Stakeholders Group, members of the astronomy community, external stakeholders, and MAG legal counsel. The county, municipalities and Native American Indian communities are encouraged to consider revisiting the adequacy and enforcement of their respective lighting ordinances in an effort to provide quality lighting to improve visibility, save energy, and protect dark skies. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Valley Fever Corridor Project

Valley Fever is the common name for a fungal infection which occurs in the lower deserts of Arizona and elsewhere in the western hemisphere. Approximately 150,000 infections annually result in 50,000 persons seeking medical attention for a pneumonia-type of illness that can last for weeks to many months, and may require many years or lifelong medical management. Two-thirds of all Valley Fever infections in the United States are contracted by Arizonans and most of these occur in residents of the three counties of Maricopa, Pinal and Pima (the "Valley Fever Corridor"). With Valley Fever being concentrated in Arizona, the Valley Fever Center for Excellence (Center) was established in 1996 to support efforts to control this problem. Representatives from the Center will provide an update on current efforts to address Valley Fever. The Center is requesting a Resolution to promote

8. Recommend approval of the MAG Pattern Outdoor Lighting Code (POLC) with consideration to encourage the adoption of the POLC by MAG member agencies, in an effort to protect Arizona's observatories and promote consistency and efficiency in outdoor lighting across the region.

9. Recommend acceptance of a Resolution to promote public awareness of the educational efforts of the Valley Fever Center for Excellence in its work to address the Valley Fever in the MAG region.

public awareness of Valley Fever in the MAG region. Please refer to the enclosed material.

10. Request for Future Agenda Items

Topics or issues of interest that the Management Committee would like to have considered for discussion at a future meeting will be requested.

11. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Adjournment

10. Information and discussion.

11. Information.